AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (withdrawn)

2. (cancelled)

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13. (withdrawn)

14. (withdrawn)

15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) A method of identifying highly valued customers of an airline using a Customer Value Metric Model comprising:

determining a ~~frequency~~ flight mileage value for each customer, said ~~frequency~~ flight mileage value comprising a measurement of flight activities for miles flown by each customer within a specified time period;

determining a net revenue contribution value for each customer, said net revenue contribution value comprising a dollar value measurement for each customer's contribution to the airline's ~~bottom line~~ revenue within said specified time period;

scoring the ~~frequency~~ flight mileage value and net revenue contribution value for each customer; and

identifying the highly valued customers by ranking the customers based on the scores and presenting the results of said ranking to a user.

17. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 16, comprising:

ranking the customers based on the ~~frequency~~ flight mileage value score.

18. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 16, comprising:

ranking the customers based on the net revenue contribution value score.

19. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 16, further comprising:

sorting the scores based on score pairs including ~~frequency~~ <u>flight mileage</u> value and net revenue contribution value.

20. (original) The method as claimed in claim 19, further comprising:

sorting matching score pairs based on net revenue contribution value;

dividing the customers into N groups;

assigning a numerical value 1-N to each group; and

ranking the customers based on the assigned numerical value to identify the highly valued customers.

21. (original) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein N is 100.